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NEPALESE WILL HAVE NO PROBLEM WITH US DECISION TO DEPICT
SINO-INDIAN BORDER IN AKSAI CHIN ON BASIS OF DE FACTO LINE
OF CONTROL, AND WILL RECOGNIZE AND WELCOME GEO-POLITICAL
CONSIDERATIONS WHICH UNDERLY THIS DECISION. PROPOSED
SWEETENER FOR INDIA, PARTICULARLY REMOVAL OF DOTTED BORDER
AND SEPARATE IDENTIFICATION OF SIKKIM WOULD, HOWEVER, BE
VIEWED WITH SOME CONCERN AND WOULD BE SEEN HERE AS A POSI-
TIVE AND, FROM GON'S POINT OF VIEW, UNNECESSARY USG ACKNOWLEDGE-
MENT OF NEW INDO-SIKKIMESE RELATIONSHIP. SUCH PROMPT AND OVERT
ACQUIESCENCE BY US IN CHANGES WHICH INDIANS HAVE MADE IN SIKKIM
IS LIKELY TO ADD TO NEPALESE APPREHENSIONS AND COULD RESURRECT
PAST CONCERNS, WHICH OVER THE YEARS WE HAVE TRIED TO DISPELL,
THAT WE SEE INDIA'S RELATIONS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS THROUGH INDIAN
EYES. FOR THESE REASONS WE WOULD HOPE THAT CHANGE IN CARTOGRAPHIC
DEPICTION OF SIKKIM ON US MAPS COULD BE CAREFULLY REVIEWED
AND IF POSSIBLE DELAYED.

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